will be taken up in future according to the availability of funds. The well work could not be provided for in the budget for 1113 for want of funds.

The work of constructing the bridge over the canal has been postponed for the present as recommended by the Road Board.

Ayurvedic dispensaries—Chittur Taluk—situation of.

37. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many Ayurvedic dispensaries are there in Chittur Taluk;

(2) where are they situated;

(3) what is the distance from their locations to Velanthavalam toll-gate?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(1) There is one Taluk Visha Vaidyasala and another Panchayat Vaidyasala in Chittur Taluk.

(2) Both are situated at Ayilur.

(3) The distance from Ayilur to Velanthavalam toll-gate is about 28 miles.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural).*—Do not the Government think that 28 miles is far for persons bitten by snakes?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—If funds are available, Government will be only glad to give more Visha Vaidyasalas.

Panchayat Conference—speeches of the Delegates—Circular regarding.

38. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Panchayats in the State had been circularised before the Panchayat Conference held in Edavam 1112 that delegates attending the conference should speak at the conference as per the decision previously taken by the respective Panchayat on the various resolutions put down for consideration at the conference;

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(b) if the answer to (a) be in the affirmative, the reason for the said Circular?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) No.

(b) In view of the answer to (a) above, the question does not arise.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, whether there was any instruction given to the respective panchayats in the matter of the discussion to be conducted on the various resolutions tabled for consideration at the Panchayat Conference?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Sir, I have not given any instruction. I would refer the Hon'ble Member to Mr. T. K. Nayar who is the President of the Conference.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Can we take it that the Government had not given any instructions to the Panchayats either by way of circulars or otherwise to the effect that the discussions of the conference should be conducted on the lines of the resolution adopted by the Panchayats on various issues?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Government have not issued any circular on the point. We have given instruction that they should discuss with the panchayats and get the opinion of the Panchayats.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—In view of the answer may I know whether the delegates from each Panchayat were not asked to conform to the decisions taken by the Panchayat, whatever may be the nature of the decision?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—They were not asked.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Are we to take it therefore that there was freedom of speech as each individual member saw the position to be taken up there at the Panchayat Conference?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Certainly. I do not think that I have said anything to the contrary.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is that the position taken up by Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Certainly. They had complete freedom.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Has any of the resolutions passed at the last Panchayat Conference been accepted by Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—They are pending orders at the hands of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Have they been placed before the Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—It has been answered that with regard to the resolutions at the 1111 Conference they are pending consideration with the Government. I would like to know how long they have been pending with the Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—I can only say that it is pending with the Government. I cannot say the exact number of months.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—When approximately were they placed before the Government?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Just a few months after the date of the Conference.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Subsequent correspondence was also instituted with the Director of Public Health and Panchayats.

Mr. President.—I think we are going a little beyond the scope of the question.

Wells—Chittur Taluk—improvement of.

39. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) are the Government aware that the Panchayat well in Kallanchira, Chittur Taluk, used to be dry for 4 months from Makaram onwards;

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